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**Wheeling Advancing.**  
The general satisfaction expressed yesterday over the Intelligencer's announcement of the principal details of the proposed remodeling, enlargement and general improvements of the McClure House, on the resumption of its management by the owners, ought to be encouraging to the two enterprising brothers, whose energy and personal popularity insure the completion of the work and the success of the investment. The McClure House, as one of two of the other hotels, is one of Wheeling's landmarks and under good management has been a favorite of the traveling public. Its name and fame is not local, but national, and its friends will stick closer to it than ever when it takes its legitimate place in the line of advancement.

It may be a pertinent suggestion that a city of the importance which Wheeling enjoys is always known to visitors from abroad and the traveling public in general by its hotels—their accommodations, modern equipments, and appearance. This city has not been behind other cities of its size in excellence of entertainment, and when the hotels take hold and place themselves in the line of progress it is a good sign of the general progress of the whole community. This is true of a city's general tendency in other ways—its new and improved bank buildings, mercantile establishments and other business institutions, modern residences and public buildings, especially attractive, clean, capacious and modernly equipped market houses. Wheeling is on the right track in all save the last mentioned improvement. It is indicative of a big future, if those who have capital to invest, who control the great amount of idle money in the bank, will join the procession, and help to secure that future by the investment in new industries aside from those upon which the city now wholly depends, and develop the community into a busy hive of diversified interests, requiring investment of comparatively small capital, yet contributing to its wealth and population and trade and commercial importance. There is an open field for Wheeling in this respect. She has only to take possession of it.

## James Whitcomb Riley on Poetry.

The Washington Post contains an interesting interview with James Whitcomb Riley, which is characteristic of this popular writer of popular poetry, which has endeared him to the children of the country as well as to those of a larger growth. Riley's interview, which is unique in some respects, is almost as charming as some of his writings. In speaking modestly of his own productions to a lady who told him of her little daughter's delightful acquaintance with the "Winkles," "Little Orphan Annie," and others, he declared he valued the favor of the children of the country more than the verdict of any one else. "You can humbug grown people, but the children, never," says Riley, adding that the children have no standards of measurement "but they know what's true."

This sentiment concerning truth in real poetry Riley elaborates upon in his interview. He boldly and justly declares that "nothing is poetry that is not true, and tersely shows why, further arguing that "nothing can be good that is not true." The Hoosier poet makes good this assertion by saying that "Nothing lives that is not so. A thing need not happen in order to be a fact. If it is told in just the way it happened, it is true as if it had already happened."

Referring to the fact that he cannot write good prose, but has acquired a style, a decorated adorned style that doesn't suit prose, Riley repudiates the idea that it is purely his own genius by judiciously illustrating his theory of truth being the basis of poetry, and says: "A poet, after all, is only the pen and ink with which a poem writes itself. Poems come of themselves. The poet may wonder how he wrote this or that; but he didn't write it. It wrote itself. One can always write verse, of course; but it is not true. Let us think of a beautiful apple—one of those down-streaked, exquisite apples you sometimes buy when you are taking a long journey—they always have such beautiful fruit on the stem. If it is so wonderful, you hold it in your lap a long while. You hate to cut it, it is so wonderful. And when you do cut it, it has not the fiber of an apple. It has not the taste of an apple. It has nothing of the apple about it but the red and gold of its outward form. Sometimes with poetry you don't quite know what the words are, but you know in all right, the words are beautiful, the rhythm is perfect, but it isn't poetry because it isn't true; it isn't true."

Riley is one of Nature's productions. His writings reflect his own natural

sentiments. He is one of those sunny individuals who finds nothing to grumble about—only the bright side of life. "I don't know anything about children of to-day," he declares, "but I remember when I was a boy, and the child-heart does not change. It is a pleasant world, and I think it is possible for everybody to get pleasure out of it. I fancy that even a banker must find many things to amuse him. It's a beautiful world, and I am always very glad that Providence has blessed me by putting me in it."

With such a disposition, so far removed from pessimism, with a heart such as is depicted in his writings and his conversations—with, as the Post says, a forehead that can compel tears, because it seems so much older than his heart, and a smile as frank as that of a school boy, it is any wonder that James Whitcomb Riley, without ranking as a classic or learned poet, has brought so much cheer into the homes of America?

**Reckless Statements Corrected.**  
Some Democratic papers in the state have been commenting on State Treasurer Kendall's statements regarding a probable deficit in the state fund in 1900 on account of the excessive appropriations by the legislature, without providing additional revenues, and in doing so they draw on a lengthy editorial from the Register of a recent date, which garbled and misrepresented Mr. Kendall and made some reckless assertions. The public is thereby being deceived.

There are two or three instances of quotations from our contemporary's attempt to make a party matter out of a situation which both parties might be held responsible for. One of them is the comment on the treasurer's statement that he saw nothing wrong in the bill removing the \$5,000,000 limit on corporations chartered by the state. The Register declared that Mr. Kendall, in common with all Republicans, wanted to encourage trusts. And the Register posted itself on the authorship of that bill it would not have uttered something which will react upon its own side, in a partisan sense.

The truth is that the bill alluded to was introduced and championed by Senator Kidd, that same Democratic senator, whose statesmanship, patriotism and unimpeachable integrity the Register lauded to the skies when it feared that the wicked Republicans would unseat him. Here is one of the Register's chickens "coming home to roost" already. We do not expect it to make the correction and undeceive its deluded readers.

Another of these statements was that senate bill No. 10, known as the omnibus bill taxing corporations, was passed late and did not reach the Democratic house in time for it to take action on it. But the Register did not tell it all; had it done so it would have stated that this same bill was introduced in the house by Delegate Zinn, of Ritchie county, and that it was smothered to death in the committee room, very early in the session.

In connection with the express company bill vetoed by the governor, which the Register says would have produced revenue, and that the governor is responsible for much of the possible deficit, the Register ought to know that this bill provided a tax on the incomes of the express companies, and that under section 4 of article 12 of the state constitution, all the proceeds of taxes on the revenues of all corporations shall be applied to the irreducible school fund, which fact would prohibit any benefit to the state fund.

These points are made merely to call attention of some of our Democratic contemporaries to the manner in which they are misled by their state organ.

## A Disturbed Capital City.

Evidence multiplies that Charleston people are much stirred up over the starting of the movement to remove the state capital at a more central point. The newspapers down there and the Charleston correspondents for the outside press have not yet ceased to comment on it, and all sorts of schemes are being suggested to make Charleston a more desirable point, in a local sense, for the capital. If the agitation does no more good than to inspire the Charlestonians with more local enterprise it will have performed some service.

A Charleston correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer congratulates himself that the flood didn't come while the legislature was in session, as "under present circumstances the members would have undoubtedly voted to take the state house to Parkersburg, because a complete suspension of public business and the adjournment of the legislature would have been necessary for several days." The Parkersburgers, very pertinently reply to this by saying that the argument is just as good now as it would be under the conditions named by the correspondent.

A Charleston paper is agitating the question of the construction of levees to protect the city from the floods of the Elk and Kanawha rivers, an expensive undertaking that would plunge the town hopelessly in debt for a great number of years, and interfered with traffic on the river. Of course this is another anti-recovery plan, but when it is discouraged by the Charleston Gazette, a leading newspaper organ, it stands little chance. The only way to protect the capital building from the devastation by the turbulent waters is to move it. This and other property of the state need to be in a safe place and a more convenient location.

**Advance of Americanism.**  
Even Porto Rico didn't escape the cold wave. The San Juan News, of February 28, reports that one night down there the thermometer actually registered as "low" as 55 degrees above zero. It declares also that the lowest temperature recorded since the weather bureau was established last fall was 61, and that as the "mercury goes down to 65 and 70 every night of the winter, this tremendous lowering of the mercury is extraordinary." Imagine, if you please, you Americans of the temperate zone, who have been happy at times that the mercury didn't get lower than 15 or 20 degrees below zero, your new fellow citizens of Porto Rico shivering in a temperature of from 65 to 70 degrees above.

It was all due to the establishment of a United States weather bureau in Porto Rico. Heretofore our friends down there had no means of telling just how

cold their winters were. With the coming of the government thermometer and a bureau to keep them posted, they are learning the American way of shivering or perspiring according to the showing of the instrument. This indicates how rapidly our new brethren, the Porto Ricans, are becoming Americanized.

According to the Dahlonaga, Georgia, Nugget, Georgia preachers are men of many resources, aside from their regular duties. The Nugget boasts that one of the pastors of that town is the most industrious minister they ever had to wait on. "He does not expect the people to wait on him simply because he is a preacher," says the Nugget, "but does his own work. He chops his own wood, builds his own fire, milks the cow, and when his wife is away does his own cooking; and the other day, after suffering with the tooth-ache, twenty-four hours, sent to the dentist and got the necessary 'grabs' and pulled his own tooth." The Dahlonaga Nugget's appreciation of this pastor is worthy of note, but Georgia isn't the only state where the self-sacrificing country preacher is forced to practice such economy by circumstances. The mountaineers and the back districts everywhere have them.

The retirement of Dr. Talmage from the pulpit is a notable event in religious circles, owing to his great prominence and reputation. His influence has been extensive in this country, and he would naturally be missed from the field, but for the accompanying announcement that his purpose is to devote his time exclusively to literary and religious work that will cover a broader field, and which would interfere with his duties as a pastor. In other words, Talmage desires to spend his time in the manner indicated, and to travel so as to meet "face to face those in this and other countries, to whom he has been preaching through the press for thirty years past."

## Stray Facts.

Maine's ice crop is said to be 500,000 tons short.  
London bakers are trying to do away with the "hot cross bun."  
Elephants are said to be fond of gin, but will not touch champagne.  
Cornstalk pith is of high value in the manufacture of smokeless powder.

Applicants for military service in China still are examined in archery and stone slinging.  
Horse meat sold in Paris for from ten to twenty cents a pound. Prime cuts fetch twenty cents.

Dewey now has twenty-two vessels under his command. Several others are under water near him.

Prominent men in Boston are advocating the erection of a municipal cemetery for the disposition of the pauper dead.

The Catapanan society, an organization that supports the insurgents in the Philippines, is said to have 8,000,000 members.

In China there are large cities that have no municipal organization, and spend nothing on public improvements or for official expenses.

In Sydney, New South Wales, the street car lines are owned by the municipality. Homeless folk, it is said, use them at night instead of going to cheap lodging houses.

In one small township in North Carolina, Southern Pines, 4,000,000 pounds of fruit were shipped to Northern markets in 1898. It was all raised by Northern invalids, living there for their health.

## A Profitable Customer.

Detroit Tribune: A stranger dropped into one of the Woodward avenue groceries the other day and inquired of the clerk if he had any cuts. The clerk answered in the affirmative.

"What kind do you want?" he asked. "I don't know. Just name them over to me, will you?"

"Well, we have hickory nuts, pecans, beech walnuts, almonds, peanuts," and he rattled off a number of other varieties, but the stranger shook his head. "Peanuts," suggested the clerk. "No, something like that, but not like these."

"Hickory nuts," suggested the clerk. "The stranger smiled. 'That's it, thank you.'"

"How many do you want?" asked the clerk. "I don't want any. I've been trying to think of the name of that street for an hour, and thought that would be a good scheme to help me out. I want to be a butcher. What car do I take?"

## Resistance to Expansion Useless.

YOUTH'S Companion: When a subject is "in the air" everything seems to speak of it.

Tommy came running into the house in great excitement. "What's the matter?" asked his mother. "Found two double-yolked eggs in the barn!" he exclaimed breathlessly. "Have you ever found any before?" inquired his father, looking up from his newspaper.

"Never," said the excited boy. "We've been keeping chickens three years, too!" "Well," says Tommy's paternal ancestor, shaking his head lugubriously, "when even the barnyard fowls declare in favor of the policy of expansion I may as well give in."

## Shakespeare's Latest.

Pall Mall Gazette: "Has Shakespeare written anything good lately?" asked the man who liked to know about things. The grave Debater informs us that he has. The little Hungarian town of Buda, he says, recently checked, it appears with a poster setting forth that—

By the holy will of God, on the 25th of January, A. D., there will be given, for the first time, "Romeo and Juliet," a sensational tragedy, of world-wide renown, in five acts, with songs, dances and Benga fire, by William Shakespeare. The author will assist at the performance.

## He Fought.

Washington Star: "You lost a good deal of time from your business by going to war, didn't you?"

"Yes," replied the man who volunteered, "but I doubt whether I lost any more than some of the people who didn't go have lost arguing over it."

## What a Question!

New Justice—Were you—Wm—ever arrested for kidnapping?—Puck.

## How Like the Sea.

FOURTH PAGE—SATURDAY: How like the sea, the myriad-minded sea, in this large love of ours; so vast, so deep, so full of mystery; it too, can keep its secrets, like the sea, and in its free as the boundless main. Now it may be calm as the brow of some sweet child, again its seething billows surge and leap and break in fulness of their ecstasy. Each wave is like the wave which came before.

Yet never two the same! Imperative, how like the sea, the myriad-minded sea, ever on the yielding shore—Ready to take, ready still to give—How like the myriad-minded sea I love!—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

The honey-dealer is on a bee-line to prosperity.

The wise bill-poster knows his place, and sticks to it.

Man is compelled to work for what some other animals get free.

There is no question about tears being the crying need of humanity.

The loafer's idea of happiness is nothing to do and lots of time to do it.

If a man is a particular friend of yours he may not be so particular after all.

Good qualities are jewels that only good breeding can set off to advantage.

A physician may speak but one language and yet be familiar with many tongues.

Chicago has several houses of over a hundred stories. They are publishing houses.

To err is human, to forgive divine—but it's useless to mention it to the police justice.

Don't think a man is a crank simply because a yearning for great things overtakes him.

The best brand of conversation is a husband successfully by letting him and a dash of wit.

We are told that music is the food of love, but a great deal of it is evidently the fast of despair.

Occasionally a woman manages a husband successfully by letting him think he is doing it himself.

A country editor says the pen may be mightier than the sword, but the scissors are far mightier than either.

It sometimes happens that when a man comes home late to dinner, and finds it cold his wife makes it hot for him.—Chicago Daily News.

## UNAMBIVIOUS SENATOR THURSTON.

As a Youth He Desired Only to be a Lawyer and a Member of the United States Senate.

Little child, hurry in  
When Otis rings dem bells!  
Don't you dash out ag'in!  
When Otis rings dem bells!  
Close de doahs all good an' tight,  
Lock de cellah foh de night!  
Bettah all keep out ob sight  
When Otis rings dem bells!

Grab yo' runs all up an' run  
When Otis rings dem bells!  
Can't stay out to have no fun,  
When Otis rings dem bells!  
Turn de lights down, pull de blind,  
Don't you lingsh long behind,  
You'll get took if you don't mind,  
When Otis rings dem bells!

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Any woman will be a man's friend if he is useful to her; to make her love him he must use her; to make her adore him he must use her and then trample on her.—New York Press.

The more a man watches his married friends the more he appreciates how good he was to the girl he did not marry.

After he has tortured his wife into the blackest despair, the jolly good fellow arouses the sympathy of the bar-room by blubbering about the lack of sunshine in his home.

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Think it fools people about their own.

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